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SUBJECT: REFUND OF UNSPENT MONIES BY UK TO THOMAS FRANKLIN

1. MRS. FRANKLIN, MOTHER OF THOMAS EDWARD FRANKLIN, US CITIZEN WHO WAS IMPRISONED IN ADEN AND RELEASED IN MAY 1974 IN COURSE OF VISIT TO ADEN BY CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY, HAS INQUIRED AS TO STATUS OF REFUND OF UNSPENT PORTION OF MONEY SHE SENT TO UK EMBASSY ADEN TO COVER LEGAL AND OTHER EXPENSES. LETTER DATED 22 MAY 74 (AFTER FRANKLIN'S RELEASE) FROM W. J. BUCKLEY OF UK EMBASSY ADEN TO MR. AND MRS. FRANKLIN ENCLOSED A STATEMENT OF EXPENSES AND SAID, IN PART "A BALANCE OF POUNDS STERLING 51.17 (US DOLS. 123.37) REMAINS AND THIS SUM WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU THROUGH THE USUAL CHANNELS IN DUE COURSE". TO DATE, FRANKLINS HAVE NOT BEEN REIMBURSED.

2. WE ASSUME "USUAL CHANNELS" WOULD MEAN VIA FCO, EMBASSY, AND DEPARTMENT. REQUEST EMBASSY INQUIRE OF FCO AS TO STATUS OF REPAYMENT, REQUEST FCO CONTACT UK EMBASSY ADEN IF NECESSARY, AND ADVISE DEPT (NEA/ARP). KISSINGER

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